

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An air deflector for a vehicle roof, comprising:
 - a first holding element that is attachable to a vehicle;
 - a second holding element movable between a lowered position and a raised position;
 - a flexible deflector element secured to the first and second holding elements; and
 - at least one resilient positioning element disposed adjacent to the flexible deflector element, wherein the positioning element pushes the deflector element in a predetermined direction when the first holding element is moved from the raised position to the lowered position.
2. The air deflector as recited in Claim 1, wherein the positioning element is an elastically deformable lip.
3. The air deflector as recited in Claim 2, wherein the positioning element comprises:
 - a first shank that extends substantially in a direction of the deflector element when the first holding element is in the raised position; and
 - a second shank that is substantially perpendicular to the first shank when the first holding element is in the lowered position.
4. The air deflector as recited in Claim 1, wherein the positioning element is attached to the holding element.
5. The air deflector as recited in Claim 1, further comprising at least one piping attached to the deflector element.
6. The air deflector as recited in Claim 5, wherein the positioning element is integrally formed with the piping.

7. The air deflector as recited in Claim 5, wherein said at least one piping comprises:

a first piping that is integrally formed with the positioning element and connected to the first holding element; and

a second piping that is connected to the second holding element.

8. The air deflector as recited in claim 7, wherein the first and second pipings are weather strips.

9. The air deflector as recited in Claim 1, wherein the deflector element is made of a flexible sheet material.

10. The air deflector as recited in Claim 9, wherein the flexible sheet material is one selected from the group consisting of a fabric material and a web material.